

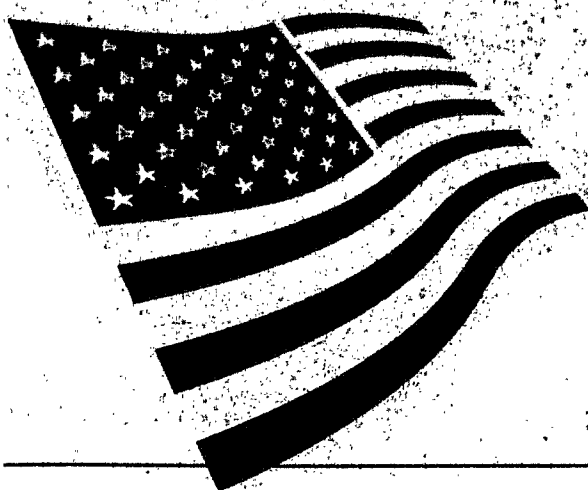
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## Edith Back memorial fund set up at BSLT

The family of Edith Bierhorst Back has established a memorial fund in her honor through the Bay St. Louis Little Theatre. Back, 79, who died Nov. 29, was active in the theater as well as the now-defunct Waveland Players for more than 20 years.

She appeared in a number of productions, including "Forty Carats," "The Shadow Box" and the "Cemetery Club."

Her portrayal in the lead role in "Driving Miss Daisy" won an award as best actress for Biloxi Little Theatre two years ago. Back also directed several community theatre productions, and, before she retired from The Sun Herald, she wrote critiques for many other productions.

At the time of her death, Back was serving as treasurer for BSLT. She was instrumental in gaining nonprofit status for the organizations. Donations to the Edith Back BSLT Memorial Fund may be sent to P.O. Box 2103, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Contributions are tax-deductible and will be matched dollar for dollar by the Back family.

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## Hancock County still trying to acquire land for new technology park near I-10

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Supervisors put off approving a condemnation order on 55.74 acres of land near the intersection of Hwy. 603 and Interstate I-10 to give the owner some more time to settle on a price for purchase with the Port and Harbor Commission.

The Port wants an option on the land for a proposed technology park, said Director Hal Walters.

District 2 Supervisor Rocky

Pullman said he thought that such an action at the present time would send the wrong kind of message to the property owner, when the owner has until January 13 to make a decision on the offer.

The idea for the technology park has been on the table for some time now. Walters said that the planner Rodney Pilot has already acquired some 560 acres of the original tract of 1,000 acres at the site. The 1,000 acre tract is

owned by Hunter White, said Walters. Some smaller tracts, near Hwy. 603 are owned by other individuals, Walters said.

The 55.74 acres that the Port wants borders Hwy. 603, and would be used to attract aviation related businesses, he said. Possible tenants for the technology park, Walters said, are businesses related to the remote sensing/propulsion industry, space related industry, Department of

Defense contractors for space related projects, and possibly branches of the military involved in the aero-space industry.

Supervisors approved a condemnation process on 4.95 acres, also bordering Hwy. 603, which will be used for access to the park, Walters said. Condemnation will go forward if the attempted purchase of the property is not successful.

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## MERRY CHRISTMAS



Santa came to Kiln on Sunday, but not on a sleigh drawn by reindeer. He galloped into town country style via horse drawn wagon in the annual Kiln Christmas Parade. More pictures and related story on B-1.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

## Sisters bring hope home to the Coast

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

The Sisters of Mercy of the Roman Catholic Church are prominent in positions of education, medical relief and housing programs across the coast. Their community was founded originally in 1831 in Ireland with the express purpose of helping women who were moving from rural settings to the city. The Sisters worked to save these women from a life of prostitution or other such fate and show them the way to a productive life.

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## Girlfriend injured in domestic case

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

A domestic violence involving a boyfriend/girlfriend Sunday ended following involvement of the Hancock County Sheriff-Department's Special Operations Team, three investigators some 15 deputies and two auxiliary deputies, according to Chief Investigator Bob Lambert.

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## Coast girl donates over 200 toys to Hope Haven

Eight-year-old Ashley Calcote has been the subject of articles in both People and Girl's Life magazines for her generous giving to children less fortunate than herself.

She will also be featured in Amazing Kids which is received by schools across the country.

On Sunday, Ashley, her brother, Cade, and her parents, Teresa and Mark, made their second annual toy delivery to Hope Haven Children's Shelter for Neglected and

Abused Children in Waveland. Ashley, who had to be in the hospital at Christmas time a couple of years back, worried about how Santa would find the children who were not in their homes. She decided that she wanted to do something for children less fortunate than herself.

Now, she uses her allowance and raises money to buy toys for other kids. This year she delivered over 200 toys to the shelter.



Ashley Calcote, 8, above, has been featured in both People and Girl's Life magazines.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

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### Live Nativity

First Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis staged a live Nativity Saturday evening. Participants included Sam Wilbourne and David Cross, Wise Men; Wade Leech, Isalah; Bryan Howell, King Herrod; Ronnie Magee, Wise Man; Floyd Simoneaux, Joseph; Kim Simoneaux, Mary; Emma Leigh Simoneaux, Baby Jesus; Dave Harvill, Hunter Mitchell, Chris Magee and Brett Carr, Shepherds; Louis Zinc, Inn Keeper, Marie Garner, Angel; and Gabriella Lolacano, Kalleigh Magee, Lauren Toomey, Megan Magee, Madison Karno, Beth Floyd, Jennifer Kendrick and Milea Blackstock, Little Angels.



### Christmas is for kids

Children at the Hancock County Task force to Save Our Children performed Christmas Carol's, top photo, and a rendition of the Christmas Story and the Twelve Days of Christmas at a party at the center on Thursday. Afterwards, refreshments were served. Santa arrived on the City of Bay St. Louis Fire Truck hand out gifts to all, below. (Staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter)



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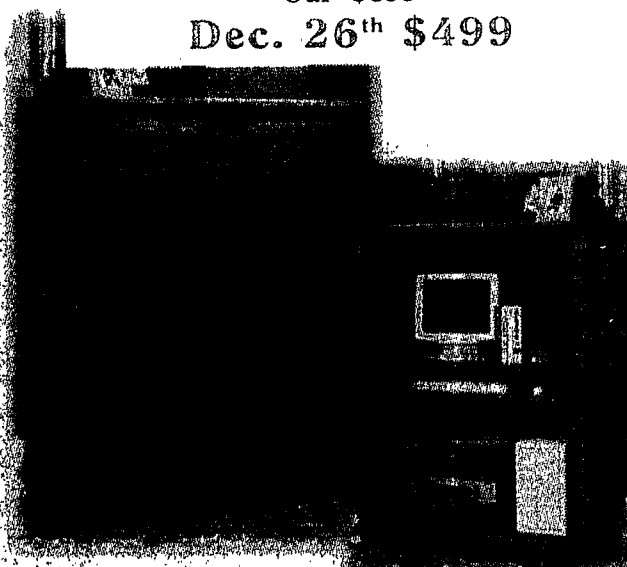
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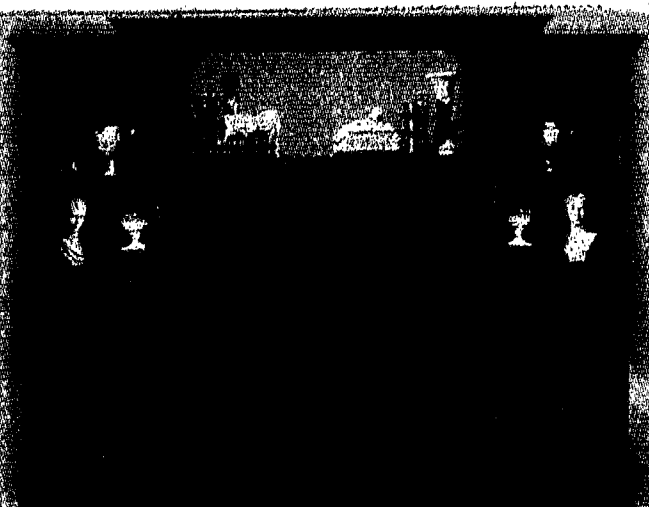
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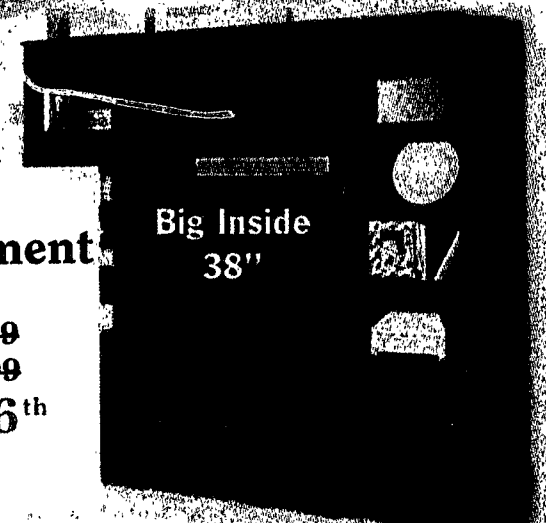
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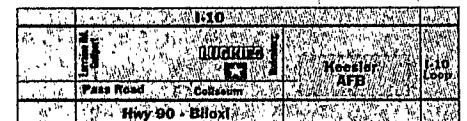
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# Rogers, Diamond named Casino Magic's top team members

Tessa Rogers, Promotions and Special Events Coordinator in the Marketing Department, and Seth Diamond, Operations Manager in Food and Beverage, each have a decision to make: Where in the world to visit.

Rogers was recently named the Team Member of the Year and Diamond was named the Supervisor of the Year at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis. Along with the honor of achieving the highest recognition, both will receive a free vacation to either Cancun, Mexico, Walt Disney World, New York City, Las Vegas or a Carnival cruise.

For Rogers, the choice was an easy one. "I have never been to Disney World," she said. So she and her family will be heading to Florida to visit Mickey Mouse for the first time.

For Diamond, the decision has not been made yet. "I'm not really sure which one we will choose," he said. "I have kids and won't leave them so it will probably be Disney World."

Rogers has been the Promotions and Special Events Coordinator since 1998, but started with Casino Magic Bay St. Louis in 1993. This year alone, her projects include coordinating the presentation of the New Year's event, Nereid's Parade, player parties, team member events, remodeling the complex dressing rooms, floral designs and supplemented the decor in both the spa and Bay Tower Hotel, and she is responsible for the casino's holiday



TESSA ROGERS

decorations. "2002 was really her year to shine," said Marketing Director Jeana Tribble. "Tessa did an outstanding job at ensuring that the entire property looked great and each event was spectacular. She has gone above and beyond throughout the year."

Diamond has been employed at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis for the last six years. He began working at Torgy's on the Green at The Bridges Golf Club and worked his way to his present position as Food and Beverage Operations Manager overseeing the operations of the casino's five restaurants and beverage outlets.

This is the second time he has been nominated for Supervisor of the Year. Rogers and 37 other Team Members of the Quarter along with Diamond and 14 other Supervisors of the Quarter, gathered with all the five and 10 year employees in the entertainment complex for a Mardi Gras-style evening including floats of bead toting riders and all the grandeur of a masque ball. The president



SETH DIAMOND

of Casino Magic, J.J. Jagunich, even reigned as King of the evening.

Team members and supervisors of the quarter were selected by a confidential selection committee consisting of representatives from various departments within the casino. Nominees are reviewed based on such criteria as years of service and job performance. The final selection is by secret ballot. The team member and supervisor of the year are chosen from quarterly winners.

Also honored were five and ten year team members for their years of service. In all, 60 were honored with five years of service: Chris Altese, Thomas Baxter, Dexter Bell, Gary Bell, Gary Bradbrook, Shirley Caillier, Denise Cameron, Marlon Cameron, Twanna Carter, Lisa Clifton, Michel Coleman, Jr., Diane Collins, Donna Conforto, Cynthia Cuevas, Mary Curtindale, John Davis, Seth Diamond, Betty Doucet, Robert Duhon, Michael Elkins, Pamela Everhart, Mark Forest, Sue Forstall, Connie Gomillion, Katherine Goodwin, Jeremy Govan, Peter Greco, Tequila Hall, Cindy Hedge, Stephen Hedge, Lori Hoda, Erica Hollins, Lillian Huber, Shar Humphreys, Jessica Jackson, Virginia Jarrell, Doris Johnson, Julie Keith, Mary Keller, Tiffany Kingston, Audrey Ladner, Christopher Lafontaine, Gayle Lewis, Joseph Morales, Ravalee Mulally, Ronnie Necaise, Brenton Newell, Margaret Nicosia, Kathleen Norton, Deborah Powers, Betty Robinson, James Rysedorph, Neil Santana, Carlos Santiago, Dianne Simonson, Deborah Stieffel, Gregory Taylor, Rose Taylor, Helen Wheeler, and Eric Wingerter.

Casino Magic Bay St. Louis has more original team members than any other Gulf Coast casino. A total of 144 team members were honored with 10 years of service: Gus Aime, Katherine Allen, Brenda Alley, Douglas Amacker, Dixie Ashman, Wendy Augustus, Charles Bezou, Carol Bogolin, Darrell Bonner, Janet Bordages, Judy Bourgeois, James Branstetter, Theodore Breaux, Judy Brockhaus, Stephanie Brumfield, Carmel Buffkin, Tucker Butterworth, Tina Cantrell, Earline Carambat, Betty Carr, Larry Carter, Jr., Stephan Carver, Rubie Chapman, Rick Choina, Robin Cuevas, Bruce Daggett, Peggy Damiens, Donna Dawsey, Mary Delk, Joan Delsied, Edward Erskine, Betty Fairconnetue, Brent

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## Holidays got you stressed? UM counselor lists signs

Holidays can be the best of times and the worst of times, to rephrase Dickens, opening words to "A Tale of Two Cities."

Holidays also can be stressful times.

"Stress is simply our body's reaction to environmental changes, positive and negative," said Susannah Dakin, a licensed counselor and assistant director of the University of Mississippi Counseling Center. Stress results when perceptions of the way something should be fall short of expectations.

Frequent feelings of anxiety or of being overwhelmed may signal a more serious problem.

"If stress occurs daily or makes it impossible to concentrate, you may be experiencing chronic stress reaction," she said. "I advise anyone in this situation immediately to seek professional help."

As with the Counseling Center's staff, the role of mental health professionals is to help people recognize and cope with stress, she said.

Physical symptoms asso-

ciated with chronic stress reaction are:

Insomnia, a common and important indicator. Some people with poor stress management skills sleep too much, too little or frequently wake during the night.

Increased or decreased appetite. Dakin said this symptom can vary from "eating everything in sight" to appetite loss and weight loss.

Alcohol or drug abuse. "You may feel better for a short while, but the after effects of alcohol and drugs can leave you even more confused and out of control," she said.

Withdrawal or isolation. People who are having trouble managing stress often become less involved in activities they once enjoyed.

Frequent headaches, muscle soreness or stomachaches. "Listen to your body. These are signs that there is too much stress in your life," Dakin said.

For more information or tips to control stress, contact the Counseling Center at 662-915-3784.

## Maggie Ladner is new member of American Angus Association

Maggie Ladner of Kiln is a new junior member of the American Angus Association, reports John Crouch, executive vice president of the national organization with headquarters in St. Joseph, Missouri.

Junior members of the association are eligible to register cattle in the American Angus Association, participate in programs conducted by the National Junior Angus Association and take part in association-sponsored shows and other national and regional events.

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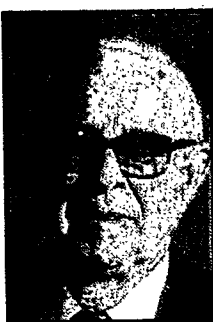
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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

Just think, in less than six days we will be moving into the year of 2003.

It seems just yesterday we were celebrating the new century of 2000.

The older we get, it seems time passes by faster each year.

I think one thing 2002 will be remembered by in Hancock County is the amount of rain which fell.

The year of 2002 seemed to have been the wettest one I can recall.

This may have been caused by the fact there were several previous years when we had some extended dry spells.

It will be interesting as to what the weather will be in 2003.

The Hancock County Board of Supervisors, Circuit Clerk and Tax Collector/Assessor really need to be commended on their efforts in having the county employment office as the primary location for the posting of jobs available at Stennis Space Center.

Hancock County has come up on the 'short end' for some 40 years, and it is great that our current elected officials made the necessary contacts to have our county as the primary location for the posting of Stennis' jobs.

I know efforts had been previously made by prior supervisors, but they never seemed to be able to possibly get to the right people.

Apparently some folks forgot that Hancock Countians lost one third of their land between the fee and buffer zone for the test site to be constructed here.

Hancock County lost a large portion of its taxing basis. I realize there are some lands in the buffer zone where small tax amounts are paid, but not nearly what the tax revenues would have been if there were no restrictions placed on the lands.

The primary office was located in Picayune of Pearl River County for too long, and it just was not fair to Hancock County.

One of the primary arguments was that the practice favored Pearl River County by giving their residents first pick of the jobs offered at the center, and most jobs were filled by the time Hancock Countians even heard of them.

Thanks folks for your efforts with NASA and the Mississippi State Employment Service on having an unfair situation remedied.

## ALL THEY WANT FOR CHRISTMAS...



## Clark praises Congress, president for passing national election reform law

Secretary of State Eric Clark praised Congress and President George W. Bush for a comprehensive new law that will dramatically improve elections in Mississippi and the nation.

"The legislation signed by President Bush does more to improve and strengthen our democracy than any federal law in many years," Clark said. "Once funded, it will make our electoral process better for every single American voter."

The Help America Vote Act of 2002 (H.R. 3295) passed the U.S. House of Representatives earlier this month by a vote of 357-48.

All Mississippi Congressmen voted for the bill. It passed the Senate by a vote of 92-2 with Senators Cochran and Lott voting in support. The law authorizes the appropriation of approximately \$3.9 billion to the states to replace punch card and lever voting machines, clean up voter rolls, and improve the administration of elections nationally. Mississippi is expected to receive approximately \$20 million.

Mississippi elections laws passed earlier this year at the recommendation of Clark's 2001 election task force put the state in a good position to move quickly and put improvements in place for upcoming elections.

Highlights of the new law:

Clean Voter Rolls

The new law requires states to maintain clean and accurate voter registration lists by maintaining a statewide voter registration system. The voter database must be able to produce voter lists for every jurisdiction in the state, and each voter must be issued a unique voter identification number. The statewide system will significantly enhance the ability of states and counties to keep clean lists, free of duplicates and fraudulent voters.

"I'm proud of the fact that our Legislature recognized the importance of clean voter rolls in the 2002 session," Clark said. "We are ready to get started on the important project."

Accuracy in Elections  
The law improves the integrity and accuracy of elections by requiring states to:

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Provide provisional ballots to ensure no individual is turned away at the polls.

Clark also praised the new law for recognizing the importance of accuracy in elections.

"Every national study has shown that a significant number of legally cast ballots aren't counted in every election," Clark said. "The new standards approved by the President and Congress, combined with money to purchase more accurate voting machines, will make all election results an accurate message from the voters."

Clark's election task force recommended changes to Mississippi law to clarify the intent of the voter and track uncounted (or residual) ballots. The Legislature passed both bills and Governor Ronnie Musgrove signed them into law.

Fighting Fraud

The law establishes strong anti-fraud standards, including requiring first-time voters who register by mail to provide identification when they cast their ballots. Such voters must provide a current and valid ID (such as a copy of a bank statement, paycheck, utility bill, or other government document) at the time of registration, when they vote in person, or when they vote by mail. The law also creates federal crimes conspiracy to deprive voters of a fair election, providing false information in registering and voting.

Military Voting

The law contains provisions to improve ballot access for military and overseas voters. Military voting assistance officers must be guaranteed the time and resources they need to help military personnel vote. The Department of Defense must make certain that all military ballots have postmarks (or other official proof of mailing date) to

ensure that no ballots are disqualified for this reason. Officials must provide military personnel with applicable deadlines and other timely information on registration and voting. New military enlistees must be given a voter registration form.

"I worked to pass improvements to Mississippi's military voting procedures in 2000," Clark said. "I think these new changes recognize the importance of guaranteeing the right to vote for Americans who protect our country."

Disabled Citizens Voting

The new law also makes it easier for persons with disabilities to vote independently and privately. By building on provisions found in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Voting Accessibility for the Elderly and Handicapped Act (VAEHA), the Help America Vote Act will ensure that persons with disabilities have the same access to voting as other citizens by requiring that every precinct across the nation have at least one voting machine or system that is accessible to individuals with disabilities by January 1, 2006, and authorizing \$100 million in grants to be divided among the states to improve polling place access for disabled voters.

"Mississippi improved the voting process for our disabled citizens in 1999," Clark said. "The importance of this provision is that will provide money to our local governments to help make sure all polling places are accessible to all our citizens."

A complete summary of the bill is available at [www.electionline.org](http://www.electionline.org)

## Technicalities

By State Auditor  
Phil Bryant  
SCHOOLS

Q What is the prevailing statute for investments of excess funds for community/junior colleges?

A Section 37-59-43 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated (Revised 2001) is the prevailing statute. (Attorney General's opinion to McLeod dated March 28, 2002)

Q Has legislation been enacted to provide that the flag of the United States shall be displayed in each public school classroom at all times while school is in session; to require that each school district provide student instruction in the prop-

er etiquette toward, correct display of, and respect for the flag, and in patriotic exercises; and to require the daily recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag?

A Yes. (SB 2321, 2002 Regular Session, effective from and after July 1, 2002, codified as Section 37-13-6)

In addition, Section 37-13-5 was amended, effective July 1, 2002, to require all public schools to lower the United States flag in accordance with an executive order or instruction of the President or federal law.

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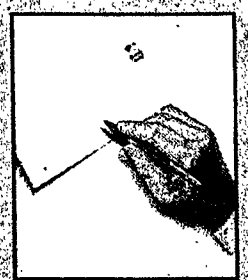
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## County -- technology park

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### In other business:

Ex board attorney Gerald Gex gave a report on a proposed planting of sea grass as a prerequisite to adding more sand beaches. Environmentalists and permitting agencies want to see if the grass will grow in areas other than the white sand available closer in to shore. New sand beaches would require the

dredging of such areas to acquire the needed sand.

The test plantings would be done over the course of five years and cost about \$75,000. Supervisors asked county consultant Genelle Tompkins to check into the possibility of funding the project through CIAP or other grant funds.

• Project engineer Larry

Seal told Supervisors that right of way acquisitions for a project on Lower Bay Road were drawing to a close. He said that if all goes as planned in coming weeks that the county could go out for bid on the project within two to three months. The project calls for the straightening of some curves in the road and for moving the

entrance out to Hwy. 90 slightly to the east.

Supervisors voted four to one to allow Casino World another year's extension on a permit issued by planning and zoning. Casino World is the company proposing a casino complex in the Diamondhead area. District 3 Supervisor Lisa Coward opposed the extension.

## Sisters

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Their founder, Catherine McAuley, was not a Sister at all, but an orphan who had a special place in her heart for the poor and disadvantaged. She was raised by an aunt and uncle as a Quaker. As a result, much of the doctrine of the order is a mixture of the beliefs of the two religions.

When the male church hierarchy informed her that if she wanted to continue her work, she would have to begin an order for women in the church, she began the Sisters of Mercy.

After establishing the order in America, the Sisters came to Vicksburg, Miss., to establish a Catholic school there. Young Catholic women from Ireland, other parts of the United States, and South America were recruited as missionaries to continue the work.

When the Civil War moved its way into Vicksburg, around 1862 the sisters stayed to nurse the fallen soldiers, both Union and Confederate and it was at this time that they earned the nickname of the Angels of Mercy. They later nursed victims of the Yellow Fever epidemic. A book has been written as an account of their heroic and humanitarian deeds.

About 122 years ago, in 1861, the Sisters established an order on the Coast with Sisters from New Orleans sent to Pass Christian and Biloxi, following the Catholic population along the coast.

At that time, the Sisters served with the faithful who mainly worked in the large

fishing industry. They ministered to the community in schools and in homes, continuing their work with women and children and the poor. Their medical community remained chiefly in Vicksburg.

As the needs of the community changed, so did the mission of the Sisters and indeed, that is the present day mission of the order, to be found wherever there is a need, wherever the need dictates, and whenever their talents and gifts allow them to be.

The Sisters from the St. Louis, Missouri Regional Community, can be found all along the coast, as educators at Our Lady Academy, at Sacred Heart Elementary and in a variety of other pursuits. As their numbers diminish, they now seek to turn many projects over to lay leadership, said Sister Martha Milner who works with a group of the Sisters in Biloxi who are involved in helping the disadvantaged become home owners.

The diminishing numbers are not necessarily a bad sign, said Milner, because the community is now stepping up to take over the work and it is no longer a requirement that a person be a member of a religious order to devote themselves actively to religious pursuits. To date, the Sisters have helped 43 coast families own their own homes and always have about 50 more families on the waiting list, said Milner.

The Sisters don't just give handouts. They help people afford their own

homes by providing credit counseling, classes that teach them the importance of being productive members of society on every level, education in dealing with financial institutions and help in saving for a down payment with a match program.

"Our mission is people, not just houses," said Milner, and the Sisters is the first organization in the state to help with dollars for home ownership, rather than home rental. "We like to think of ourselves as the silent partners in the empowerment of people," she said.

The Sisters also work closely with seniors citizens needs and area food pantries. They also have their duties to the order that must be fulfilled.

Many members of the Coast order see life in its ranks as an earthy existence. Each order has its own personality, said Milner.

"We like to debate on the issues and participate in an interplay of our experiences

and opinions to get things done," she said. "We argue, then we sit down and have dinner and take all the positions into account until we have the answer that best suits everyone. We don't usually don't have a woman coming into the community that doesn't like to debate."

"We like to keep up with the signs of the times," said Milner. "To assess the current situation and provide the education or help that is needed."

Today that need lies in education on women's rights being recognized across cultures, global responsibility for the environment, promotion of excellence in education, the eradication of racism, and narrowing the gap between the haves and have nots, she said.

"There are good and caring people who try to make changes for the better, and many, many resources in the community," said Milner. "The big challenge for the future will be ensuring that our ethics are able to catch up with our technological advances."

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## Domestic

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Investigator Matt Barnett, who is leading the investigation said Monday, "The office received a call about a domestic disturbance involving a boyfriend/girlfriend with a knife involved. When Deputies Tina Ladner and Tim Airhart arrived on the scene, the suspect made threats to kill himself with a firearm he had pointed to his head, and deputies backed away."

"The suspect then fired a shot into the air and fled into the woods. The girlfriend had minor cuts on her neck and wrist," Barnett continued.

"To complicate matters, a second person, a brother of the suspect had arrived, and he assaulted the female," Barnett said.

Barnett said, "Thomas Lamb, Jr., 38, Road 382,

Kiln, was later arrested and charged with aggravated assault domestic violence. As of Monday morning, no bond had been set. His brother, Jeffrey Lamb, 45, Road 382, Kiln, was charged with simple assault domestic violence. Bond was \$500, which he posted."

Special Operations Officers and K-9 Lt. Jimmy Esposito, along with Dax, arrived and searched the woods for a couple hours for Thomas Lamb to no avail. Several hours later he was located by officers and arrested, Barnett reported.

"Officers responding to the call did a good job locating the knife and weapon allegedly used and Thomas Lamb," Barnett said.

Sheriff's Investigators André Fizer and John Luther also assisted in the investigation.

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# New Coast Guard life jacket law to minimize child drownings

In support of the ongoing effort to improve boating safety, the Coast Guard now requires that all children under 13 years of age wear a Coast Guard-approved life jacket.

Specifically, the law requires children under 13 to wear the life jacket aboard any vessel outside of state waters, except when inside a closed cabin. The regulation is also applicable to any state waters where a child life jacket law does not exist (28 states have child life jacket laws).

In those states that do have a child life jacket law, the state law will prevail and can be enforced by the Coast Guard.

The rule was created to

address the problem of childhood drownings while boating. Between the years 1995 and 2001, 210 children under age 13 died while boating - 121 of them by drowning, according to Coast Guard Recreational Boating statistics. Most of these deaths could have been prevented if the child had been wearing a properly fitted life jacket.

"Statistics show that life jackets save lives - but only when they are worn," said Capt. Scott Evans, chief of the Coast Guard's boating safety office in Washington, D.C.

"Children customarily wear protective gear when rollerblading, skateboarding, and bicycling, and

similar precautions are in order on the water. The life jacket rule was proposed to make sure that there is a life jacket rule in all states," said Evans.

Coast Guard-approved child life jackets cost between \$10 and \$90, and there are sizes and styles for every boater, said Kelly.

"Your child's life is worth more than the cost of a life jacket," said Kevin Kelly, chief of recreational boating safety for the Eighth Coast Guard District.

Penalties for a boat operator who fails to have all children under the age of 13 wear a life jacket are similar to those for failing to have life jackets

onboard a boat. Penalties may be assessed up to a maximum of \$ 1,100 for each violation.

In addition to life jacket use, the Coast Guard also recommends these safety tips:

- Know and obey the navigational waterway "rules of the road."
- Keep your boat in good repair.
- Never boat under the influence of drugs or alcohol, as an operator or passenger.

For more boating safety information, visit [www.uscg.mil/news](http://www.uscg.mil/news) and [www.uscgboating.org](http://www.uscgboating.org), or contact the Eighth Coast Guard District Public Affairs Office at 504-589-6287.

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## St. Stanislaus names Character Award recipients for November

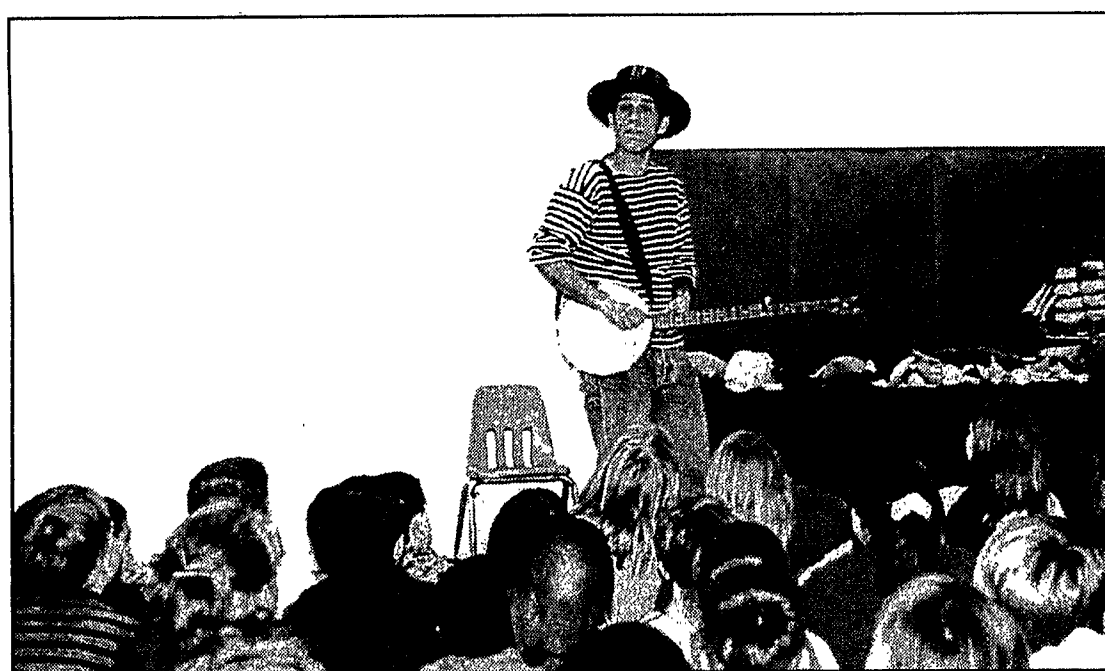
St. Stanislaus College named seven Character Award recipients for November, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal, including sixth grader William Brooks, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gary Brooks of Oklahoma City, Okla.; seventh grader Harrison Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. Deas H. Warley III of San Antonio, Texas; eighth grader Michael Morell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Aldo A. Morell of Gulfport; freshman Brad Reinhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny E. Reinhart of Diamondhead; sophomore Lee Klein, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee B. Klein, Jr. of Lakeshore; junior Matt Hoda, son of Jeanne Kilpatrick of Kiln and Quentin Hoda of McHenry, Miss.; and senior Chad Allee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ray Allee of Pass



Front from left, Michael Morell, Harrison Hodges, and Williams Brooks; in back, Chad Allee, Lee Klein, Brad Reinhart, and Matt Hoda

Christian. The SSC Character Award for the Month is a recognition program to acknowledge and honor students who demonstrate positive character traits in an outstanding and consistent manner.

## Hancock School News



Traveling storyteller Steve Kelfer from the Folklife Education Project in Tucson, Ariz., recently entertained students at Gulfview Elementary in Lakeshore with his stories, musical instruments and show-and-tell items during the first of three Reading is Fundamental (RIF) book distributions for this school year. Earlier in the day during the themed "Row Row Row Into Reading" distribution, each student received one take-home book, compliments of RIF and through monetary assistance from Gulfview.



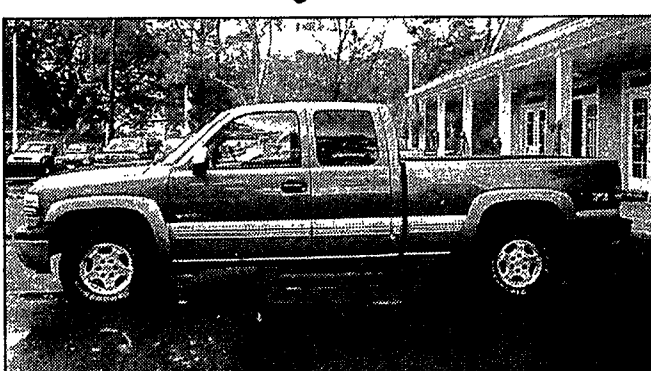
The sixth-grade Astronaut team at Hancock Middle School decorated and filled 114 Halloween bags for the residents of Woodland Village Nursing Home. This activity was completed as a part of their activity period in which students learn to develop positive character traits through reaching out to the community. The project included a personal greeting card inserted in each bag along with cookies and candies by the students.

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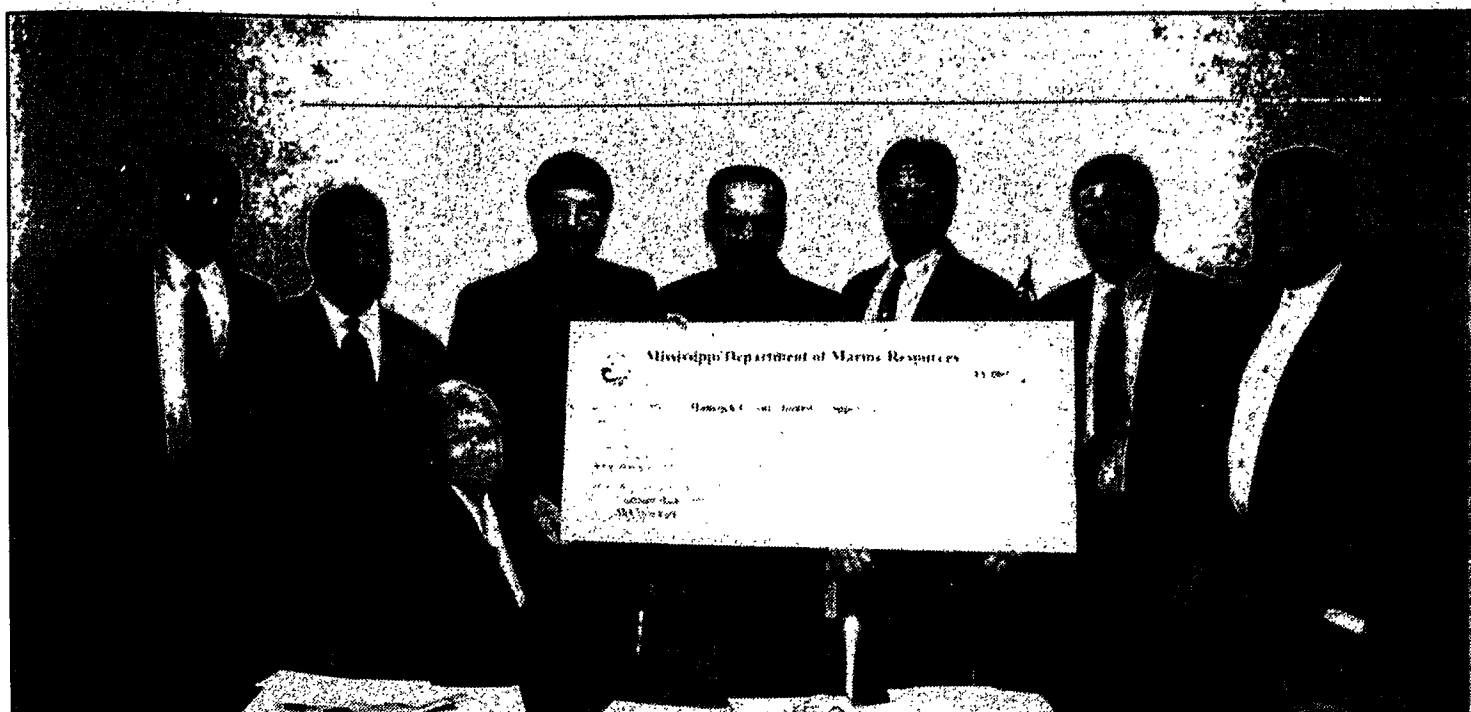
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From left are Supervisor Jeep Ladner, Supervisor Jay Cuevas, Supervisor Lisa Cowand, Supervisor Rocky Pullman, Commission on Marine Resources member Oliver Sahuque, Supervisor Steve Seymour, Chancery Clerk Tim Kellar and DMR Chief of Staff Joe Ziegler. The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources presents the Hancock Board of Supervisors with a \$385,000 Tidelands grant award disbursement on Dec. 19 for Bayou Caddy Marina, Clermont Harbor Pier and McCleod Park during its monthly meeting.

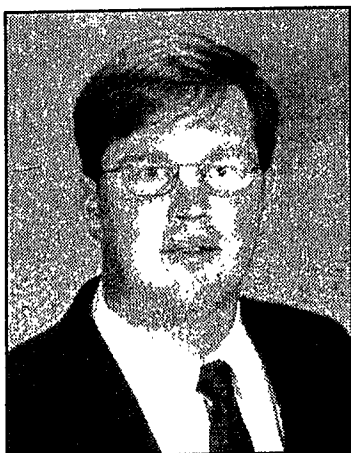
## Lending a Helping Hand



The Special Olympic State Games were held Oct. 19 at Camp Shelby in Hattiesburg. Athletes from all parts of Mississippi competed in various events. The day would not have been productive without the help of volunteers, such as these AmeriCorps volunteers. The Hancock/Harrison team (all teacher assistants) helped with the soccer events. In addition to setting up and running the activities while keeping score, this group helped Lieutenant Governor Amy Tuck award medals to the winners. The best part of the job was the hugs, smiles and high fives received from the participants while cheering them on. Pictured, from left, are Cheryl Necaise, (Hancock) Rhonda Ladner, (Hancock) Amy Tuck, Teresa Land, (Harrison) Phyllis Raymond, (Harrison) and Dana Ladner (Harrison).

## Bay St. Louis man to serve as First Lieutenant

Mark B. Carter, Bay St. Louis, was recently commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Mississippi Army National Guard Judge Advocate General Corps (JAG). He is a 2001 graduate of the University of Mississippi School of Law, where he was named to the Dean's List. When not serving as a JAG, Carter is employed as an attorney with Advantage Title in Diamondhead and Piquette. He is the son of Mr. Gibson Carter and the late Amanda Carter of Bay St. Louis.



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## Obituaries

**SHIRLEY HUDSON  
ALVELLA SHIYOU  
EVELYN MORRIS**

**SHIRLEY HUDSON**  
Shirley Fay Green Hudson, 58, of Lakeshore, died Monday, Dec. 23, 2002, in Bay St. Louis. Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**ALVELLA SHIYOU**  
Alvella Shiyou, 86, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, Dec. 22, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mrs. Shiyou was a native of Hancock County and was a homemaker. She was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Androclus Shiyou; a son, Royce Shiyou; and a daughter, Jerline Shiyou.

Survivors include two daughters, Shirley Peterson of Perkinston and Diann Cuevas of Kiln; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. today, Dec. 26, at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln followed by services and burial in Bayou Coco Cemetery.

McDonald Funeral Home in Picayune is in charge of arrangements.

**EVELYN MORRIS**  
Evelyn Adkins Morris, 93, of Bay St. Louis, died Saturday, Dec. 21, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Morris was a homemaker. She was born in Circleville, Ohio and resided in Dayton, Ohio for 61 years before moving to Bay St. Louis in June of 2001. She attended Sullins College and Ohio Wesleyan University and was an avid bridge player.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 56 years, James Ralph Morris; and a grandson, Andrew Adkins Tucker.

Survivors include a son, George Florence Morris and wife Cindy of Vero Beach, Fla.; daughters Julia Morris Jackels and husband Jack of Arlington, Texas, and Melinda Morris Tucker of New Orleans; two granddaughters, a grandson and two great-granddaughters.

A memorial service will be conducted Friday, Dec. 27 at 5:30 p.m. at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis where friends may call one hour prior to service time.

Burial will be in Circleville, Ohio at a later date.

The family prefers that donations be made to a charity of one's choice.



### TIP students

Twenty-three Our Lady Academy seventh grade students have qualified for participation in the 23rd annual Scholastic Talent Search sponsored by Duke University Talent Identification Program (TIP). For qualifying in the 98th and 99th percentile on the Stanford Achievement Tests, the following students were recognized for the 2002 Duke TIP Program: Megan Chevis, Katherine Currie, Ashley Derenbecker, Gabrielle Gros, Alexandra Hahn, Emily Hall, Olivia Hoff, Maggie Hunt, Rebekah Kennedy, Sharon Leslie, Katherine Lobrano, Kathryn McDonald, Samantha McLeod, Brittany Piazza, Lauren Poncet, Audra Puffer, Shelly Reboul, Chelsea Renaud, Molly Rogers, Amelia Simpson, Caterina Tran, Nicolina Vaught, and Shelby Wild. The TIP Program is conducted annually in a 16-state region in the South, Southwest, and Midwest. The program, initiated in 1980, identifies academically superior students and provides them with information about their ability and educational options. It also offers informational material and preparation for ACT and SAT programs.

### Paschall receives national recognition

Pass Christian High School student Destiny Paschall has been selected for membership in The National Society of High School Scholars. The Society inducts only the most outstanding high school students and honors them for superior academic achievement.

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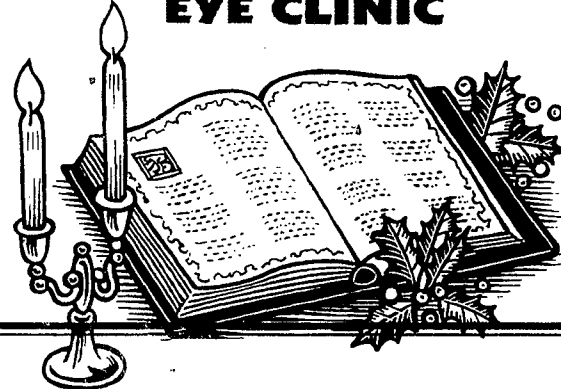
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### PRCC baseball coach honored by Diamond

Pearl River Community College baseball coach Jay Artigues has been named a 2002 Diamond Sports ABCA Regional Coach of the Year for NJCAA Division II as selected by the American Baseball Coaches Association.

Artigues, who guided PRCC to its first-ever Region XXIII and Central District "Super Regional" championships in his first season, as well as a first-ever trip to the NJCAA Division II World Series, will be recognized at the American Baseball Coaches Association's Hall of Fame/Coach of the Year Banquet on Jan. 3 in San Diego, Calif.

The 2002 Wildcats finished with a 42-13 record. The Wildcats lost 12 players off last year's title team. Nine of those players signed college scholarships.

Artigues prepped at St. Stanislaus High School in Bay St. Louis. He played two seasons at PRCC and went on to play at Belhaven College in Jackson, where he was a first-team All-Gulf Coast Athletic Conference selection as a second baseman.

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Artigues began his coaching career in 1992-93 as an assistant at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala. From 1993-95, he was dean of students and head baseball coach at St. Louis Catholic High in Lake Charles, La. He led St. Louis into the state playoffs both years, reaching the state quarterfinals in 1996.

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### Holiday Deadlines

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Thursday, December 26, 2002 edition  
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Thursday, January 2, 2003 edition  
All deadlines 5pm Monday December 30th

Extra - Wednesday, December 25, 2002 edition  
All deadlines 9am, Monday, December 23rd

Extra - Wednesday, January 1, 2003 edition  
All deadlines 9am, Monday, December 30th



# BUSINESS NEWS



## Grand opening

Sally Johnson, CPA, recently celebrated the grand opening of her public accounting office at 101 Highway 90 in Bay St. Louis. In attendance were Frank McNeil, David Bassett, Ellen Kane, Bill and Eleanor McCandless, Sally Johnson, Jerry Johnson, Leone Johnson, Polly and Kent Maddox, Barbara Redding and others friends and colleagues. The business specializes in business consultation, financial statements, monthly reports, tax preparation, etc. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

## Clark gives state approval in \$1.4 billion settlement

Secretary of State Eric Clark has given initial state approval a \$1.435 billion national settlement involving conflict of interest charges at Wall Street brokerage houses and investment banking firms.

These firms put their profits ahead of the interest of their investors," Clark said. "This settlement is fundamental to restoring investor confidence and ending the cozy relationships that have cost ordinary Americans billions of dollars."

The joint investigation began following concerns that stock brokers were knowingly over-hyping stocks to investors in an effort to secure lucrative investment banking business for their firms. State securities regulators led by New York State Attorney General Eliot Spitzer and the North American Securities Administrators Association (NASAA), the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), the North

American Securities Dealers (NASD), and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) negotiated the national settlement. Clark is Mississippi's securities regulator and NASAA representative.

Although the agreement has not been finalized, Clark estimated that Mississippi could receive \$4 million in the coming months. State settlements are based largely on population.

As part of the NASAA task force, groups of states worked together to examine records of 11 firms. Clark noted that Mississippi, Alabama, Georgia, and Indiana worked the Lehman Brothers investigation. Mississippi Secretary of State investigators uncovered evidence of improper activity at Lehman Brothers by reviewing thousands of e-mails, interviewing Lehman analysts in New York, and reviewing analyst compensation records.

In one e-mail uncovered

by Mississippi investigators, a Lehman analyst writes, "try telling a banker 'no'." The note clearly points to the conflict between the advice analysts gave individual investors and corporate profits sought the same company's investment bankers.

Gretchen Morgenson of the New York Times has written of how relying on federal regulators and the self-policing of Wall Street interests failed:

"The settlement, and the investigation that led up to it, shows a serious breakdown in self-policing by the brokerage firms, a duty that forms the basis of the nation's securities laws. And it shows how regulators at the Securities and Exchange Commission, the New York Stock Exchange and NASD, all charged with protecting investors, fell down on their jobs during the stock surge of the late 1990's, as throngs of individuals were entering the market for the first time."

## Local bankers promoted

Hancock Bank President and Chief Executive Officer George A. Schloegel recently announced assistant vice president promotions approved by the Hancock Holding Company and Hancock Bank board of directors:

Melva Smallwood, Assistant Vice President. Having joined Hancock Bank with the 1974 Bank of Picayune merger, Picayune West Canal branch operations manager Smallwood has also served as a teller at Hancock's Picayune West Canal branch and supervisor at the main Picayune office. The Picayune native and Pearl River Central High School graduate has over 28 years of financial services experience. Smallwood has been a member of the Picayune Chamber of Commerce for 15 years and served two terms on the chamber board of directors.

Stacey Spiers, Assistant Vice President. The manager of Hancock Bank's Stennis Space Center branch, Spiers graduated from Hancock North Central High School in Kiln, and attended Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College. She has been part of the Hancock team for almost 18 years and has completed Hancock University's Leadership School and Consumer Lending class. Spiers is a member of the Stennis Rotary Club.

Jason Thomas, Assistant Vice President. A member of the Hancock Bank team since 1999, Jason Thomas serves as a public finance lender at the company's downtown Gulfport headquarters. A Gulfport High School graduate, he holds a bachelor of arts degree in political science from Mississippi State University and a juris doctorate from The University of Mississippi School of Law. He completed Hancock University's Commercial Credit School and is licensed as a real estate



**STACEY SPIERS**  
appraiser in Mississippi.

Cathy Treutel, Assistant Vice President. Bay St. Louis native Treutel, former branch manager at Hancock Bank's Dedeaux Road branch, has been a loan officer and financial services officer at the Bay St. Louis Highway 90 branch since 2001. She has 15 years of experience in financial services. A graduate of Our Lady Academy in Bay St. Louis, she joined Hancock Bank in 1999 and holds a bachelor's of business



**CATHY TREUTEL**

administration, with a major in finance, from the University of Southern Mississippi. Treutel completed Hancock University's Leadership School and Commercial Credit course. She serves as secretary and board member of the Hancock County Exchange Club. Treutel is a Eucharistic minister at Our Lady of the Gulf Catholic Church and has been a member of the Krewe of Nereids since 1998.

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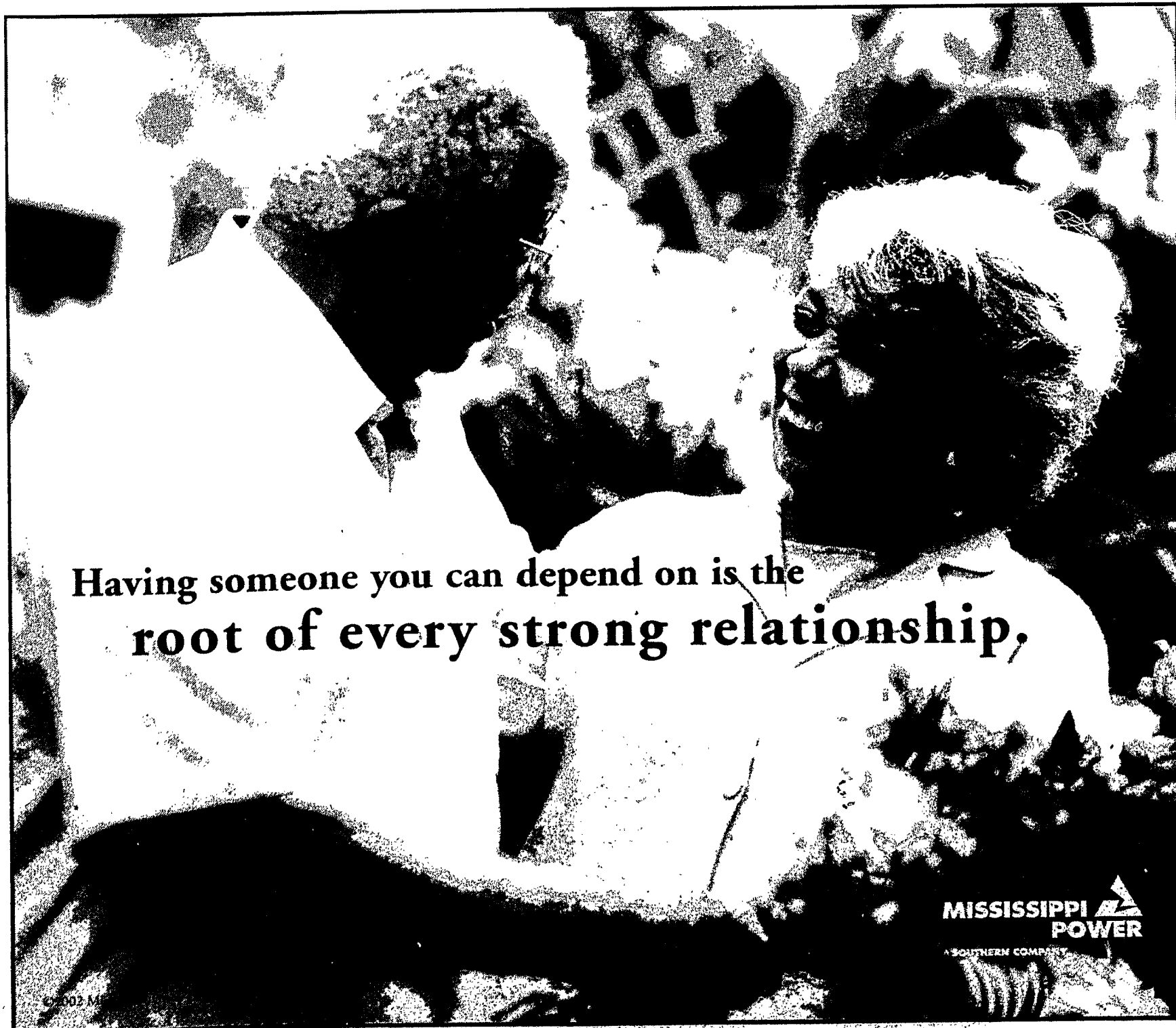
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## Legal Notices

### SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
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WHEREAS, on the 29th day of April, 1999, Henry T. Sayin, Sr., executed and delivered a certain Deed of Trust unto Perre M. Cabell, Trustee for EquiCredit Corporation/ Ala & Miss, Beneficiary, to secure an indebtedness therein described, which Deed of Trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Book 551 at Page 414; and  
WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of November, 2002, EquiCredit Corporation / Ala & Miss, assigned said Deed of Trust unto U.S. Bank National Association, N/A, First Bank National Association Trust, acting solely in its capacity as Trustee for EQCC Home Equity Loan Trust 1999-2, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 728 at Page 101; and  
WHEREAS, on the 23rd day of November, 2002, the holder of said Deed of Trust substituted and appointed John C. Morris, III, as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 728 at Page 105; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the payments of the indebtedness secured by the said Deed of Trust, and the holder of said Deed of Trust, having requested the undersigned so to do, on the 17th day of January, 2003, I will, during legal hours, at public outcry, offer for sale and will sell, at the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, for cash to the highest bidder, the following described land and property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:  
LOTS 52 and 53, Block 152, BAYSIDE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 2, in the Main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.  
I will convey such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee  
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this 16th day of December, 2002.  
JOHN C. MORRIS, III  
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE  
2309 OLIVER RD  
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318-330-9020  
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12/26/02, 01/02, 01/09, 01/16/03

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE  
WHEREAS, on July 9, 1999, Adam A. Shaw and Danielle W. Shaw executed a certain deed of trust to Joseph Kelly, Trustee, to secure an indebtedness therein mentioned to H. S. Cremer and wife, Fran S. Cremer, which deed of trust is recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 559, pages 249-256; and  
WHEREAS, H. S. Cremer and Fran S. Cremer substituted Robert L. Genin, Jr. as Trustee in and for the above described deed of trust and the indebtedness secured thereby in lieu and in place of Joseph Kelly, by Substitution of Trustee dated December 10, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 729, pages 485-486; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the said H. S. Cremer and Fran S. Cremer, the legal holders of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale;  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Genin, Jr., Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on the 14th day of January, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, the following described property situated in Hancock County, Mississippi, to-wit:  
Lot 15, Block 9, Unit 4, DIAMONDHEAD, Phase 1, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per map or plat of said subdivision on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.  
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.  
ADVERTISED, POSTED AND DATED this, the 19th day of December, A. D., 2002.  
Robert L. Genin Jr.  
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE  
12/19, 12/26/02, 1/2, 1/9/03

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE  
WHEREAS, on May 10, 2000, Joseph E. Smith, Jr. and Treva June Smith, executed a Deed of Trust to David M. Necaise, Trustee, to secure an indebtedness therein mentioned to Launce V. Cox and Maria Doris Cox, or survivor, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 590, page 425 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi; and  
WHEREAS, Maria Doris Cox substituted John A. Scafide, Jr. in the place and stead of said David M. Necaise named as Trustee in the original Deed of Trust as evidenced by Substitution of Trustee dated November 12, 2002 and recorded in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi in Deed of Trust Book 724, pages 695-697; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust and the said Maria Doris Cox, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, Substituted Trustee's fees and expense of sale;  
NOW, THEREFORE, I, John A. Scafide, Jr., Substituted Trustee in said Deed of Trust, will on the 14th day of January, 2003, offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, and will sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the front door of the County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis, County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, the following described property situated and lying in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:  
Lots 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, Square 800, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 8, Hancock County, Mississippi.  
I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee DATED this the 13th day of December, 2002.  
JOHN A. SCAFIDE, JR.  
Substituted Trustee  
12/19, 12/26/02, 01/02, 01/09/03

SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE  
WHEREAS, on July 15, 1988, Jennifer L. Sheppard and Carl R. Kerr, Jr. executed a certain deed of trust to James W. Brady, Trustee for the benefit of J. W. Brady, Inc., a Mississippi Corporation, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County State of Mississippi in Book 291 at Page 838 and  
WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to MidFirst Bank by instrument dated April 1, 1999 and recorded in Book 563 at Page 65 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's office; and  
WHEREAS, Jenny A. Pichon and Susan M. Pichon assumed said Deed of Trust by Assumption Warranty Deed dated July 22, 1994 and recorded in Book BB107 at Page 356 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office; and  
WHEREAS, MidFirst Bank has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated September 15, 1999 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 566 at Page 43; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, MidFirst Bank, the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, and the said J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on January 17, 2003 offer for sale at public outcry and sell within legal hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) at the Main door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:  
Commencing at the Southeast corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 16 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, thence North 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence West 650.00 feet to the East margin of a road thence North along the said East margin for a distance of 200.00 feet; thence East 650.00 feet; thence South 200.00 feet to the Point of Beginning; said parcel containing 2.99 acres, more or less, and being a part of the Southeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 24, Township 6 South, Range 16 West, Hancock County, Mississippi.  
I WILL CONVEY only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee  
WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on December 20, 2002  
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE  
WHEREAS, on May 16, 1996, Diane Fairconnetus Shabazz AKA Shakira Shabazz, executed a Deed of Trust to Tommie Allen, Trustee for the use and benefit of Commercial Credit Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 454 at Page 511 thereof; and  
WHEREAS, the property described in said deed of trust was conveyed to Aaron Whavers, by instrument dated February 2, 2001, and on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book BB222 at Page 747 thereof; and  
WHEREAS, the legal holder of the said Deed of Trust and the note secured thereby substituted Lem Adams, III as Trustee therein, as authorized by the terms thereof, by instrument recorded in the office of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk in Book 591 at Page 545 thereof; and  
WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Substitute Trustee, by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 10th day of January, 2003, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:  
Lots 309 and 310, Third Ward, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, as per Plat on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi  
Together with all and singular the rights, privileges, improvements and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining  
Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee  
WITNESS my signature, on this the 12th day of December, 2002  
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SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE  
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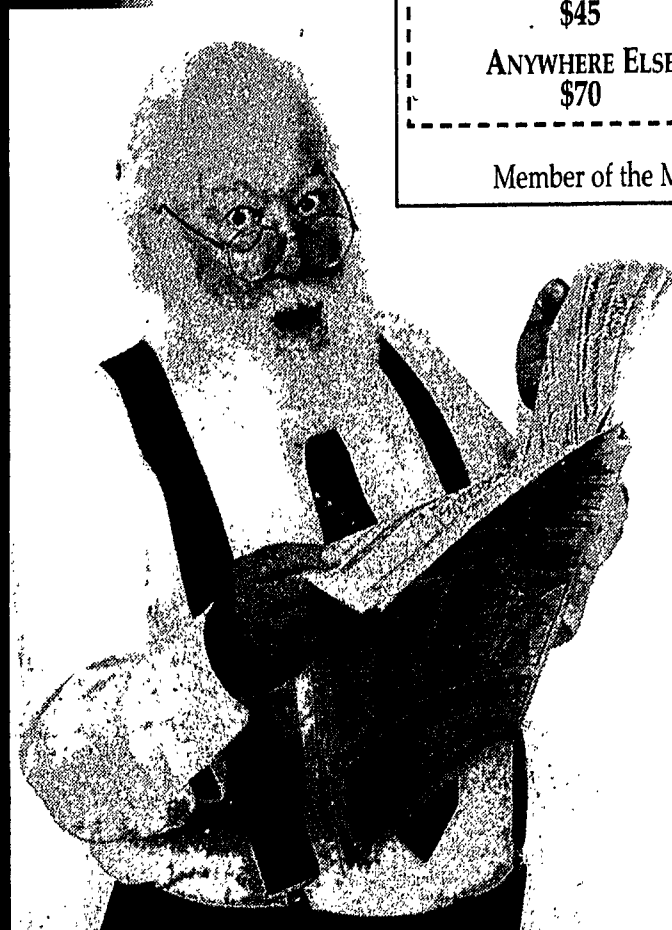
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# Gulf Coast Debutante Society presents Coterie 2002 Dec. 28

The Gulf Coast Debutante Society presents its Coterie 2002 at the 36th annual ball on Saturday, Dec. 28, at 8:15 p. m. at the Palace Hotel Ballroom in Biloxi.

Following the presentation will be a reception, general dancing and midnight breakfast. This year 29 women will be presented. The debutantes from Hancock County are:

**Ashley Beth Afford** of Bay St. Louis attends the University of Mississippi. She is on the Chancellor's Honor Roll, a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, and a Peer Ministry Leader for the Biloxi Diocese, representing Our Lady of the Gulf Parish. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Holt Afford of Bay St. Louis. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. James Ginn of Diamondhead and the late Mr. and Mrs. Lauritz Alford.

**Sarah Elizabeth Carter** of Pass Christian attends the University of Mississippi. She is majoring in finance with a minor in Spanish and political science and a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

She is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thaddeus Cox Carter of Pass Christian. Her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Norwood Carter of Hammond and Mr. and Mrs. Caissus Quentin Viator of New Iberia, La.

**Kathryn Elizabeth Dennis** of Pass Christian attends Wake Forest University. She is the public relations chairman for the College Republicans, plays intramural soccer and softball, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity, is a member of the Wake Forest Catholic Community and the Social Committee chairman for Phi Mu sorority.

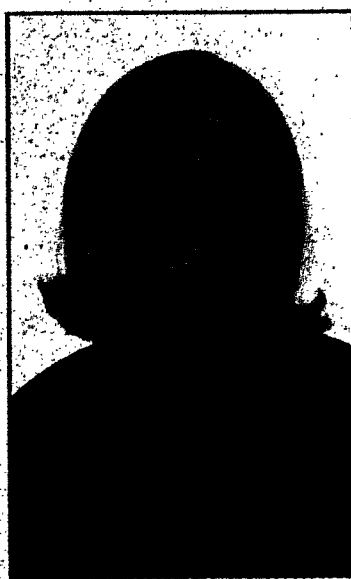
She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Davison Dennis of Pass Christian. Her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson Dennis and Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Louis Rumpf, Jr. of Irvington, Ala.

**Amber Leigh Lewis** of Bay St. Louis attends the University of Southern Mississippi. She is on the Dean's List pursuing a major in graphic design. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Lewis of Bay St. Louis. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Desnoyers of Atlanta, Georgia and Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Richmond of Rochester, Wisconsin.

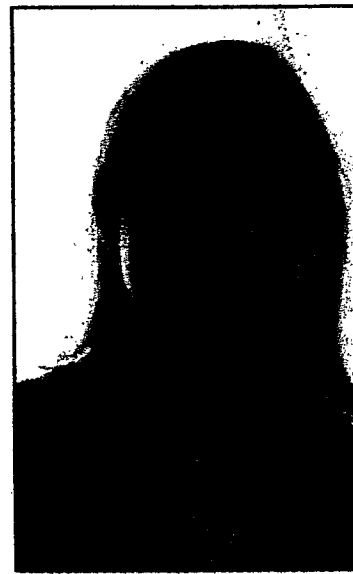
**Colleen Anjeanette Moody** of Long Beach attends Millsaps College. She is a Dean's Scholar, a member of the yearbook staff, the College Republicans, the chemistry society S.A.A.C.A. and Chi



Ashley Beth Afford



Kathryn Elizabeth Dennis



Sarah Elizabeth Carter



Amber Leigh Lewis



Colleen Anjeanette Moody



Louise Northrop Peneguy



Ashley Marie Roth



Elizabeth Lauren Uram

Omega sorority. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Jack Owen Moody of Long Beach. Her grandparents are Mrs. Reuben

Benjamin Moody and the late Colonel Rueben Benjamin Moody of Satellite Beach, Florida and Mrs. Robert Louis Verberkmoes

and the late Mr. Robert Louis Verberkmoes of Bishop, Calif.

**Louise Northrop Peneguy** of Pass Christian attends Louisiana State University. She is pursuing a degree in graphic design and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Allen Peneguy of Pass Christian.

Her grandparents are Mrs. Louise Northrop Peneguy and the late Mr. Edward Wisner Peneguy of Pass Christian and the late Mr. and Mrs. William Sidney Fikes of Jackson.

**Ashley Marie Roth** of Bay St. Louis currently attends Tulane University. While attending the University of Southern Mississippi, she was a member of Lambda Sigma Honor Society and Kappa Delta sorority.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Camors Christopher Roth of Bay St. Louis. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Joseph Navarre of New Orleans and the late Mr. and Mrs. Richard Joseph Roth.

**Elizabeth Lauren Uram** of Bay St. Louis attends Louisiana State University. She is pursuing a degree in business, participates in The Run for Cancer, and is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority.

She is the daughter of Ms. Nancy McDonald and Mr. Mark Alan Uram of Bay St. Louis. Her grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. Adolf Gustave Uram and Mrs. John McDonald and the late Mr. John McDonald of Bay St. Louis.



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## Boyd-Stalhe, Bonin to serve as Grand Duchess, Grand Duke of Mardi Gras ball

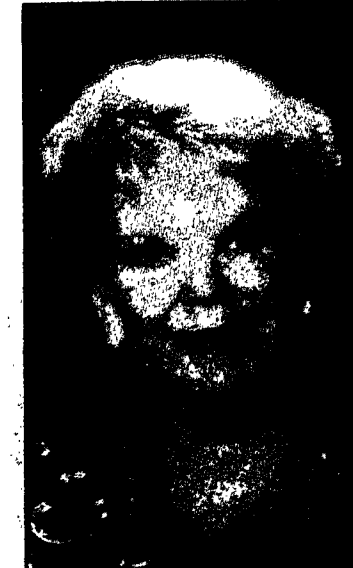
The Clement R. Bontemps Unit 139 of the American Legion Auxiliary announces Retta Cardin and Ron Kennedy will reign as Queen Minerva and King Clement at the first Les Bon Temps Mardi Gras Ball Jan. 31.

Bobbie Boyd-Stalhe and Dan Bonin will serve as Grand Duchess and Grand Duke.

Maids to Queen Minerva are Ruby Thomas, Lynette Carbon, Debbie Whittle, Beth Burleson, Connie Triplett and Heather Coward.

Dukes to King Clement are George Piazza, Billy Taylor, Roy Whittle, John Wilkerson, Raymon Scott and T. J. Burleson.

The ball will be staged at the Hancock Civic Center with Dr. Rock and



Bobbie Boyd-Stalhe



Dan Bonin

the Interns providing the music, and entertainment by Bayhi School of Dance. Tickets must be purchased in advance.

All members of the court belong to Post and

Unit 139 and to the Sons of the American Legion.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the American Legion Auxiliary veterans programs.

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### Heisman finalist

From left, Gene Carlisle, Carlisle Corporation; Dr. Shelby Thames, president of the University of Southern Mississippi; Julie Reboul, Wendy's High School Heisman finalist; Gil Woods, WCH, Inc.; Jan Collins, Perimeter Foods; and Paul Halre, Wendy's International.

## Reboul named Wendy's High School Heisman State Finalist

Julie A. Reboul, a senior at Our Lady Academy, has been named a Mississippi State Finalist for the ninth annual Wendy's High School Heisman Award.

Reboul shares this honor along with 20 other finalists from the state of Mississippi.

The national awards program, created by Wendy's, the National Association of Secondary School Principals (NASSP), and the Downtown Athletic Club of New York City, recognizes and honors high school seniors who demonstrate excellence in three areas: academics, community service and

athletics.

Principals, guidance counselors and athletic directors from each high school are invited to nominate one male and one female senior who meet the aforementioned criteria.

The nominations are then reviewed by program partners CTB/McGraw-Hill. Students are judged based on their academic achievements, community service involvement, and athletic accomplishments.

Of these nominees, 1,020 state finalists are selected, from which 102 state winners are chosen, one male and one female from each

state and the District of Columbia.

A judging panel, including representatives from education, sports and business, along with former Heisman Memorial Trophy recipients, selects 12 national finalists. From these 12 finalists, one male and one female are selected to be the national winners.

Julie A. Reboul has achieved tremendous success throughout her high school career and has done it in a positive, example-setting way.

Looking beyond her trophies and awards, Reboul is a well-rounded young woman and serves as a role model in our schools and as a remarkable citizen within the community.

Reboul was honored at a luncheon on December 3 at the Hilton Hotel in Jackson.

For additional information on the Wendy's High School Heisman Award log on to [www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com](http://www.wendyshighschoolheisman.com).

December 1, was a Sunday.

Ladner anticipates his offices will collect some \$14 Million in 2002 taxes. The deadline is February 1, 2003, when they become delinquent, and a 1% per month finance charged is added.

For the convenience of county residents, property taxes can be paid also at the Kiln Tax Office on Highway 603, across from Roosters Restaurant, Ladner added. Many property owners use the mail service to pay their taxes too.

Ladner said his offices during the balance of this month will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 26, and Friday, December 27, Monday, December 30, and Tuesday, December 31. Ladner did say the governor may declare December 31, as a state holiday and if so the tax offices would then be closed on New Year's Eve.

## Business brisk at tax office

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS  
Publisher Emeritus

Hancock County Tax Collector/Assessor Jimmie Ladner, Jr., reported late Friday, his offices have been busy since December 2, collecting 2002 real and property taxes.

Ladner's office also collects property taxes for the Cities of Bay St. Louis and Waveland.

On Monday afternoon Ladner reported his office had collected thus far in December the following amounts:

- City of Bay St. Louis - \$20,200
- City of Waveland - \$27,800
- Bay St. Louis-Waveland School District - \$140,000
- Hancock County School District - \$348,000
- Hancock County Taxes - \$575,000

According to state law, property taxes for 2002 began on December 2, as

## Commercial daily oyster sack limit lowered

The Mississippi Department of Marine Resources (DMR) has adjusted the commercial daily sack limit for tonging or dredging to 30 sacks per licensed vessel. This limit shall remain in effect until further notice.

For more information on the open and closed areas, call the DMR's 24-hour Oyster Information Hot Line at (228) 374-5167 or 1-800-385-5902.

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## Take Off Pounds Sensibly

### CHAPTER 307

TOPS MS 307, Bay St. Louis, met Dec. 11 in Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave., Waveland.

Sherri was the week's best loser with three pounds. She was also top KOPS.

Paula led a discussion on health and aging.

The chapter meets every Wednesday at Triumphant Christian Church, 1807 Waveland Ave., Suite A, Waveland. Weigh-in is 4:30-5 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight is welcome. Call Sherri at 467-3798.

## Riding Club Christmas party, awards banquet

The Hancock County Riding Club held its annual Christmas party and year-end awards banquet at the American Legion Hall on Hwy. 603.

Elected officers for the upcoming 2003 show season are Gayle Moran, vice-president; Gwenda Necaise, president; Chantelle Ladner, secretary; Conice Cobb, treasurer; and Rita Garcia, points keeper.

Wade Ladner of the Hancock County Equine Facility was guest speaker.

Following a Christmas dinner, year-end awards were presented.

Pony Division:  
Champion, Misty Woodcock riding Lil Bit  
Reserve Champion: Reagan Fairley riding Payzo  
Third place: Meagan

Fairley riding Bandit  
Fourth place: Kelli Harden riding Cowgirl  
12 & Under Division:  
Champion: Misty Woodcock riding CoCo

Reserve Champion: Robin Clark riding Lady  
Third place: Misty Woodcock riding 1st Down Glass

13-17 Division:  
Champion: Joe Garcia, riding Diamond  
Reserve Champion: Brittany Franke riding Pac Man

Third place: Mindy Moran riding Mazzie and Scott Ladner riding Lady Bug  
Ladies Division:  
Champion: Gwenda Necaise riding Dash Foru Shane  
Reserve Champion: Gwenda Necaise riding

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Men's Division:  
Champion: Bert Rester, riding Action Hero  
Reserve Champion: John D. Ladner riding Lady Bug  
Outstanding Member: Joe Cobb

Outstanding Non-rider: Conice Cobb

Pony Sportsmanship:  
Misty Woodcock 12 & under Sportsmanship: Misty Woodcock  
13-17 Sportsmanship: Joe Garcia

The Chip Lee Memorial Award: Mindy Moran  
The Vannesa Ladner Memorial Award: Shayna Woodcock

Mr. Gayle Moran was presented with a plaque for his hard work and dedication as president.



### Chorus debut

The Diamondhead Community Chorus made its debut singing Christmas carols for residents and staff at the Woodland Village and Dunbar Nursing Centers Dec. 11. Organized by the Diamondhead Community Association, the chorus is directed by Patricia Collier and accompanied on the piano by Santina Lolacano. The group looks forward to performing at community events and entertaining at care centers throughout the year. They meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from 2-3 p.m. There is no membership fee, and all Diamondhead residents who wish to join may call Pat Morgan at 255-3015.

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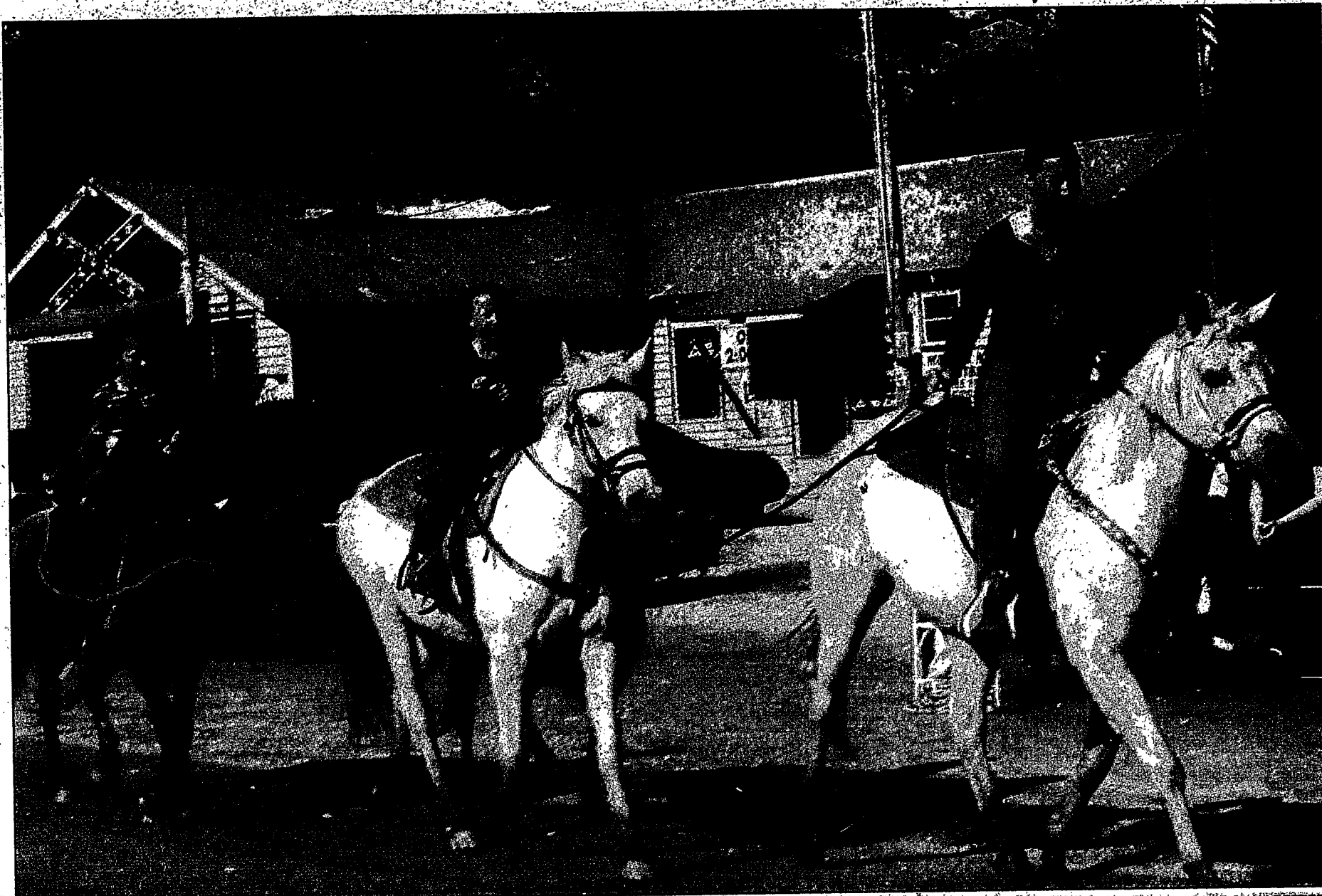
## A Kiln Style Christmas

*Post No. 6285,  
Ladies Auxiliary  
host Ninth Annual  
Cowboy Parade  
and Children's  
Christmas Party*

It was Christmas Kiln style on Sunday when the VFW Kiln Memorial Post No. 6285 and the Ladies Auxiliary hosted the 9th Annual Cowboy Parade and Children's Christmas Party. The colorful event featured horses (and a few donkey's, mules and ponies) and horse drawn buggies decorated Christmas style.

Parade riders pelted the large crowd with candy, beads and other trinkets. Horses were well behaved and appeared be having as much fun showing off their Christmas decor as their owners.

The parade began at the home of Robert Moran and ended with a party for all at the VFW Hall.



ECHO STAFF PHOTOS BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER





# SPORTS

## Lady Tigers continue win streak in War on the Shore 2002 edition

by Joseph W. Gex, II  
Staff Writer

The 2002 edition of War on the Shore was the best yet according to SSC head basketball coach and organizer Jay Ladner. He stated, "We had the best group of teams and talent from top to bottom that we have ever had. We have had some good teams in the past and some great talent; however from top to bottom we feel that this has been the best group."

"In the lineup this year we had four of the top 15 teams in Mississippi, the #1-ranked girls team in the state, a state runner-up girls team from last season, the #6-ranked team from Alabama, and a perennial state championship contender from Louisiana. The crowds were outstanding for the entire day, especially for the marquee matchup between #3 Oxford against #7 Gulfport. Work has begun for the event next year. All the teams had an enjoyable time and were talking about coming back. However, no invitations for 2003 have been extended."

The day started off with a junior varsity matchup between the St. Stanislaus and Oxford High School. The Chargers won the contest 68-52 and improved to 8-1 while SSC fell to 6-4. Chad Allee led the way for SSC with 13 points followed by Grady Wyly with 12 points. Zach Delaney finished with 10 points. Chad Cregor led Oxford with 10 points.

The first varsity matchup of the day came next between the #1-ranked Lady Tigers of Bay High against Myrtle High School. Myrtle senior Arminie

Price recently signed an athletic scholarship with Ole Miss.

The two teams battled to a 14-14 tie after one period of play before the Lady Tigers took a 35-28 lead at half-time. The Lady Tigers eventually pulled out the win 63-58 to remain undefeated at 16-0 on the season. The loss was Myrtle's first of the season as they drop to 15-1 on the season. Last year, Myrtle advanced to the 1A state championship game.

Carmen Labat and Kendra Reed each scored 18 points to lead Bay High. Kelly Yates scored 25 points to lead all scorers while Price chipped in 24 points in the loss.

The Bay High (4-10) boys team hooked up with the Moss Point Tigers (8-8) in the next game. Moss Point came away with the 87-63 win. Prep All-American Kenny Hooks of Moss Point led all scorers with 31 points followed by teammates David Booker with 17 points, Reginald Lott 16, and Corrin Payton with 10 points. Lorenzo Lewis led Bay High with 28 points followed by Marquez Singleton with 13 points.

The 6-ranked Vestavia Hills (9-2) of Birmingham, Alabama, were faced with traditional Mississippi power Harrison Central (11-2) in the game that followed. Vestavia Hills pulled out the win 60-55 after maintaining a 33-22 half-time lead. Greg Fisk led the Alabama team with 18 points followed by Carter Lutz with 15 and Dan Webre with 12 points. Jerrill Beard led HCHS with 16 points. Prince Holmes added 12 points and

Vernon Jordan 11 points in the loss.

The Moss Point Lady Tigers (7-8) were paired with the Hattiesburg Lady Tigers (7-6). Moss Point trailed the majority of the game and only scored six points in the first period. However, they fought back to claim the win 59-55. Sade Lett and Amber Hardy each scored 13 points for Moss Point while Yolanda Hartfield scored 21 points for Hattiesburg. Demetrius Mingo and Vanessa Thus scored 13 and 10 points, respectively, in the loss.

The marquee matchup between #3-ranked Oxford (11-2) and #7-ranked Gulfport (10-2) was set up after the final girls game of the day. The marquee game proved to be just that featuring two of the top 12 players in the state in Oxford's Vincent Camper and Gulfport's Henry Salter.

Camper is a recent signee of Tulane University while Salter is just a junior and will return next season as perhaps the state's most sought after recruit.

Camper opened the game with a three-pointer and followed later in the period with a monster crush to give Oxford a 10-7 lead. Salter was also hot in the opening period of play scoring seven points.

A technical foul on Gulfport head coach Bryan Caldwell spurred the Chargers' 36-34 lead at intermission. However, Gulfport got hot in the third period and never looked back. The Admirals took a 58-52 lead after three periods en route to the 75-65 win.

Salter led all scorers with 35 points followed by teammates Courtenay

Brown with 16 points and Nigel Jordan with 10 points. Camper led Oxford with 24 points followed by Barkley Falkner with 14 points and Will Westmoreland with 11 points.

St. Stanislaus (14-1), ranked #12 in Mississippi, locked horns with their sister school from Baton Rouge in Catholic High School. Catholic (7-5) is a traditional state championship contender in Louisiana while SSC advanced to the Final Four in Class 4A last season.

SSC jumped on the Bears quickly as they opened a 24-6 first period lead behind the hot hands of juniors Mario Faranda and Darius Acker. SSC continued their hot play en route to a 37-21 half-time lead. Catholic tried to make runs only to be stopped by the deft shooting of Acker and inside power of Faranda. The Rocks won the game 74-49.

Faranda led all scorers with 29 points and 18 rebounds followed by Darius Acker with 24 points. Brett Amond added 8 rebounds and 5 blocked shots while Gabe Willis dished out 7 assists. Catholic was led by

Kirkland Gautier with 15 points followed by Jake Moses with 11 points.

The finale featured #9-ranked Hattiesburg (13-1) against the Lafayette County Commodores (6-7). The Tigers won the contest 80-67 after garnering a 42-30 half-time lead.

Jason Simmons led Hattiesburg with 25 points followed by Terry Bryant with 23 points. Alton Robinson finished with 13 points in the win. Jeffrey Dukes scored 19 points for the Commodores followed by Quentin Fox with 16 points.

On Friday, December 20, SSC defeated the Vancleave Bulldogs by the score of 78-43. Mario Faranda led the way with 18 points. Darius Acker finished with 15 points. Gabe Willis and Rob Murray rounded out the double-digit scorers with 13 and 10 points, respectively.

Also on Saturday evening, the Hancock Lady Hawks (13-4) defeated Mobile Vigor High School 77-45 in the Columbus Tournament. Devin Necaise scored 19 points followed by Brooke Necaise with 18 points. Kayla Stephenson scored 12 points and Ashley Boehnel 10 in the win. On Friday, December 20, the Lady Hawks dispatched Wheeler of Georgia by the score of 38-33. Devin Necaise was the lone scorer in double digits with 11 points for the Lady Hawks.

On Saturday, December 21, the Hancock Hawks were defeated on the road 75-32 by the Ocean Springs Greyhounds.



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## Hardnett, Steube named to All-State football team

by Joseph W. Gex, II  
Staff Writer

Pass Christian Pirate senior football players Maurice Hardnett and Brad Steube were named to the Mississippi Association of Coaches All-State second team on Friday, December 20.

Hardnett, a 6-1 215-pound senior fullback, rushed for 1,316 yards and six scores. On defense he

tallied 118 total tackles. He was also named to the All-Region 8 Class 4A team and to the Sea Coast Echo first-team as a running back.

Steube, a 6-4 290-pound offensive lineman, was also named to the second team MAC All-State team. Other accomplishments for Steube were being named to the All-Region 8 Class 4A and Sea Coast Echo first-teams.

## Sea Wolves tied for first place

The Mississippi Sea Wolves head into the holidays in a first place tie with Louisiana in the Southwest Division standings with 43 points. The Sea Wolves are also positioned just one point behind Atlantic City for the points lead, in the 27-team East Coast Hockey League.

After 33 games, the Sea Wolves have compiled a record of 20-10-3. At home, Mississippi has posted an 11-7-2 record. The Sea Wolves road record stands at 9-3-1.

Mississippi defeated the Arkansas RiverBlades, 4-1 on Wednesday at North

Little Rock. The Sea Wolves returned home on Friday, only to drop a 6-2 decision to the Louisiana IceGators. The Sea Wolves bounced back by hammering the Jackson Bandits, 7-2 on Saturday. Then Sunday, Arkansas slipped past Mississippi, 3-2 in overtime at the Wolves Den.

The Week Ahead at a Glance:

Friday, Dec. 27 at Pensacola Ice Pilots - 7:05 p.m. - Pensacola Civic Center

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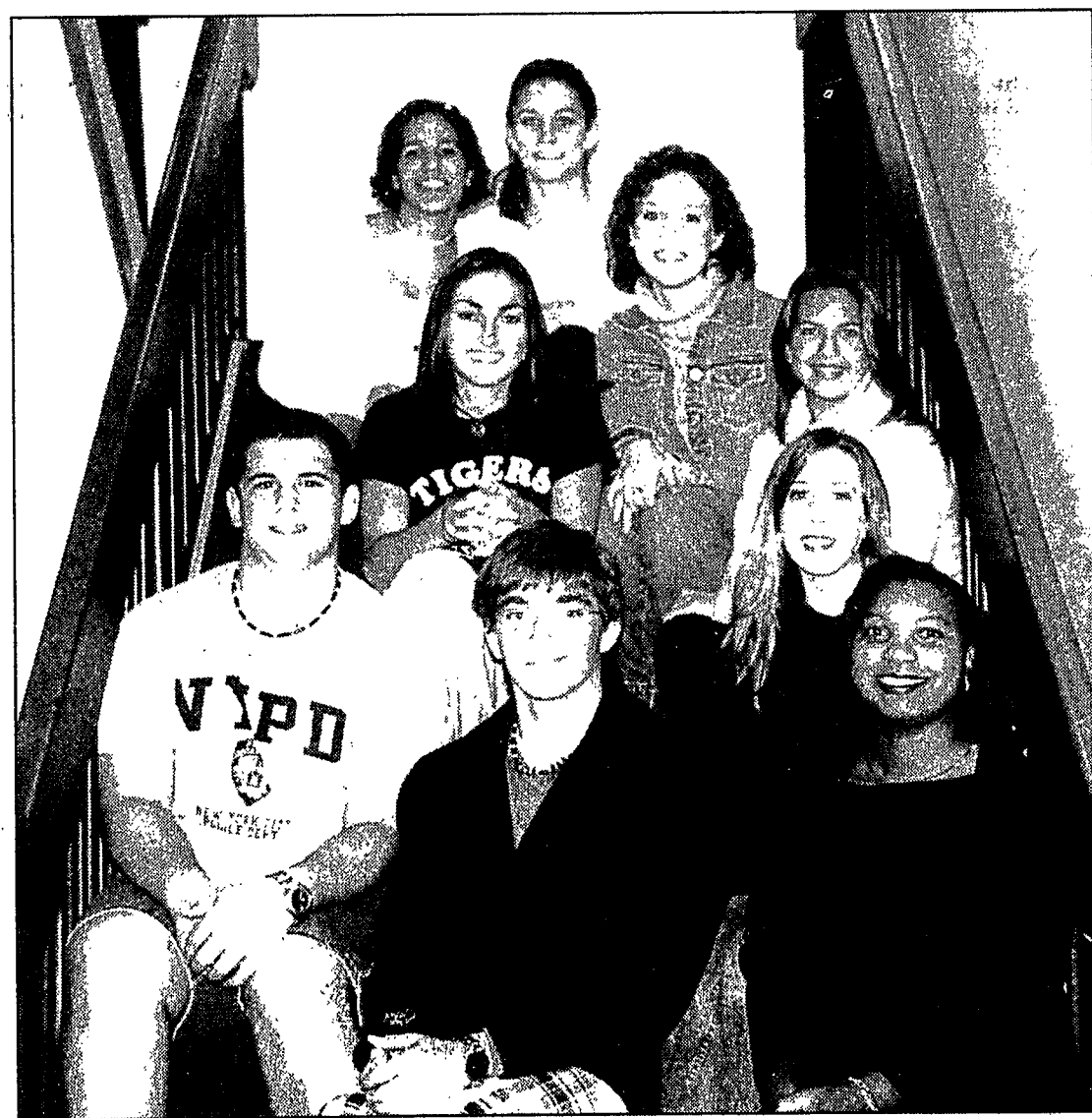


## Exchange Club donates Freedom Shrine to HMS



The Exchange Club of Hancock County recently donated a Freedom Shrine composed of 28 historical American documents photographically reproduced and permanently laminated to individual wood grain plaques to Hancock Middle School. The documents exemplify the beginnings of our nation and subsequent turning points of importance which shaped our national character. Just a few of the documents replicated in the Freedom Shrine include The Mayflower Compact, The Declaration of Independence, The Bill of Rights, The Gettysburg Address and numerous others. Those on hand for the donation included (from left) Joan Monnehahn, Exchange Club member; Courtney Thomas, club vice president; Mike Ladner, Hancock Superintendent of Education; Denise Wilkinson, Hancock Middle School principal; Linda Graffeo, club president; and Tammy Stafford, club member and Hancock School public relations coordinator.

## Excel Club participates in March of Dimes fundraiser



The Hancock High School Excel Club participated in and raised money for the March of Dimes Walk on Nov. 9. Students pictured that participated in the walk include Chris White, Thomas Laudisi, Melissa DiVincent, Joelle Klefer, Vivian Gibson, Lacey Wahl, Andrea White, Erin Johnson and club sponsor Nicole McWright. Those not pictured who also participated were Alysha Haynes and Whitney Jackson. The club received second place in the Most Participants category and raised a total of \$800 that was donated to the March of Dimes.

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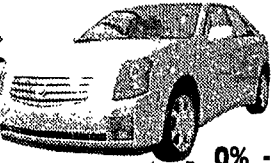
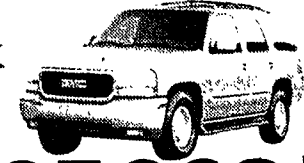


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Tickets are \$19.95, \$24.95, and \$29.95 and are available at the Casino Magic Box Office, by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or at any Ticketmaster location.

With four powerfully unique personalities, the Neville Brothers thrive on an explosive fusion of diversity and unity. This collective of talented brothers is world-famous for its embodiment of the New Orleans sound. Aaron, Art, Charles, and Cyril Neville have expanded the horizons of New Orleans R&B while honoring the music's roots and traditions.

Drawing on the vast resources and multiple styles of African-American music, The Neville Brothers have combined R&B, jazz, reggae, and elements of rock and Zydeco with a harmony-based funk groove all their own.

The careers of Art and Aaron Neville began in the early 50s around the street corners, on the porches and at house parties in the notorious Calliope Projects. Energetic, but with little else to do, it was only natural for them to pick up the rhythms and moods of the city they were so much a part of. Art first came to note well before Elvis, having recorded "Mardi Gras Mambo" with The Hawkettes in 1954. "Mardi Gras Mambo" continues to get heavy airplay and respectable sales during the



The Neville Brothers

local Mardi Gras festivities.

After the four put together careers separately and not having played together for eight years, the brothers

Charles recalls. "He knew that if we got together as a family, it would happen." The brothers became a beloved local attraction and in

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united to help record, the universally acclaimed "The Wild Tchoupitoulas" a year after their mother's death in 1975. They credit their uncle, the flamboyant Mardi Gras Indian George (Chief Jolly) Landry, with getting them to join forces. "He told us that our mother and father had always wanted to see us work together as a band,"

1988, they won a Grammy with the sublime Daniel Lanois-produced "Yellow Moon." Then in the 1990s, "Brother's Keeper" cemented their status as one of the most fervently acclaimed groups in American pop.

They have sold millions of records worldwide and have

gold and platinum records in six different countries. They have been the featured television performers on "Good Morning America," "Today," "Oprah," "Saturday Night Live," "Letterman" and the "Tonight Show." They were the stars of their own Cinemax/HBO special, which is now available for home video. They contributed the song, "Let That Hammer Fall" to the movie "Posse." The Neville Brothers have been hailed by music writers in nearly every major periodical in the country and their live performances are legendary. Don't miss The Neville Brothers at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis Dec. 27 at 9 p.m. Must be 21 to attend.

## America kicks off 2003 entertainment lineup at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis

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America's albums, six of them certified gold and/or platinum, with their first greatest hits collection, "History," reaching the four-million sales mark, displayed a fuller range of the group's talents than did their singles. From effects-laden rockers to oddball medleys and soul-bearing ballads, their reach was wide and ambitious.

The singer/songwriter/guitarists found success young, even by the standards of rock artists of the



America

early '70s. Personal hassles and a rigorous touring/recording schedule caught up with the band in the middle of that decade. When Peek left the group in 1977, his band mates rose to the challenge of carrying on as a duo. Shifts in sound, changes in producers and managers and a renewed dedication to the craft of songwriting came in the '80s.

In many ways Beckley

and Bunnell came into their own as mature artists during this time. And their growth has continued into the present day with such impressive releases as 1998's "Human Nature," and their box set, "Highway," released in 2000, captured

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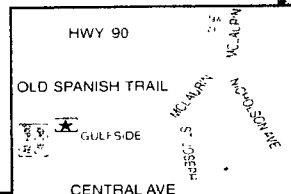
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er for sale at public outcry and sell within legal  
hours (being between the hours of 11:00 a.m.

400 p.m.), at the Main door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:  
 1. 10, ROYAL LOTS SUBDIVISION, being a subdivision of Lot 234, First Ward, City of Bay St. Louis and Lots 4 and 9, Rear First Ward, City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as shown on the Final Amended Plat of ROYAL LOTS SUBDIVISION, dated October 4, 1963, and recorded in Plat Book 3, page 68, Records of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.  
 I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Trustee.  
 J Gary Massey  
 TRUSTEE (for Homeside Lending, Inc.)  
 Capriro & Massey, L.L.P.  
 10 Lakeland Drive, Suite B  
 Jackson, MS 39216  
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**TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE**  
 WHEREAS, on December 6, 1996, Christopher Peterson and Elena Marie Rich Peterson, executed a Deed of Trust to Leroy Adams III, as Trustee for the use and benefit of Weyerhaeuser Mortgage Company, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 174 at Page 321 thereof; and  
 WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to Aarnes Capital Corporation, by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 515 at Page 806 thereof; and  
 WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and the same being requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness created and described by said Deed of Trust so do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, as Trustee, by the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours of the business of this State, to-wit: on the clock/p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 10th day of January, 2003, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:  
 1. Spanish Acres Subdivision, a subdivision in the City of Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per the official map or plat recorded on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, as the same to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as vested in me as Trustee.  
 J Gary Massey  
 TRUSTEE  
 CAPRIRO & MASSEY, L.L.P.  
 10 LAKELAND DRIVE, SUITE B  
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# HOLIDAY

**HOLIDAY**  
**LEGAL NOTICE**  
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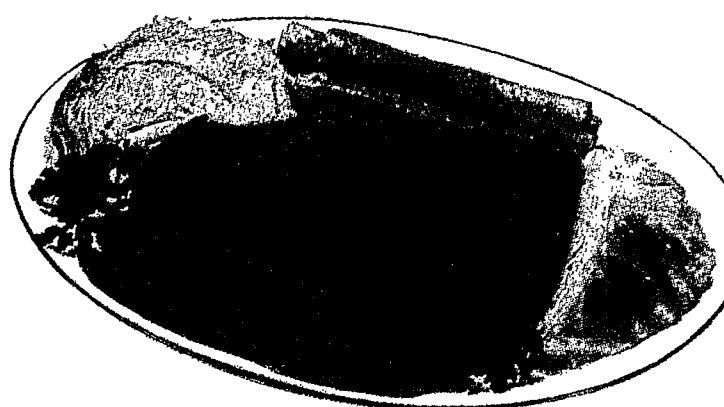
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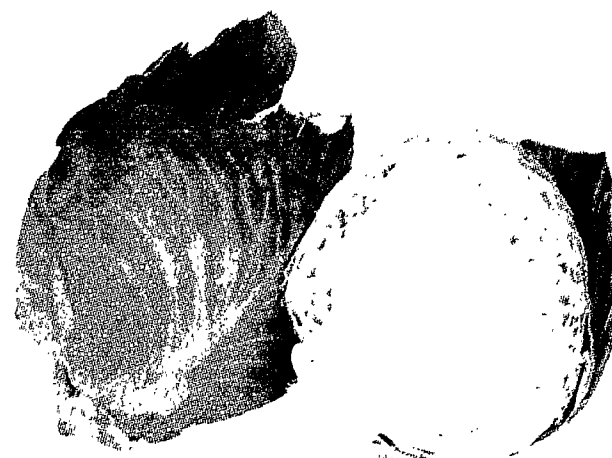
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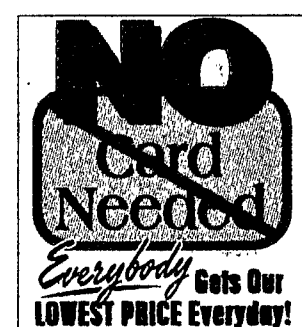
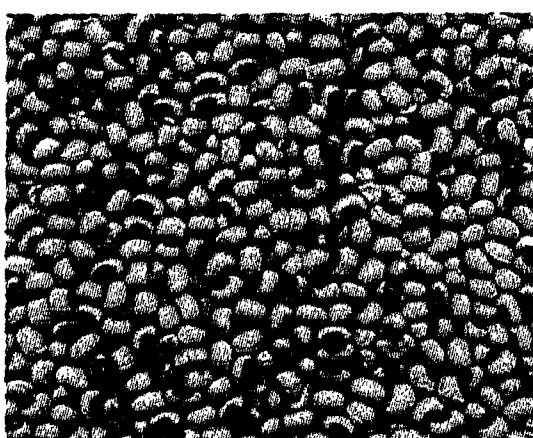
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